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need to engage in to determine whether the most awesome punishment that a state can inflict is being inflicted in a way that can be deemed fair. Courts are not nearly as flippant as some...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ... as some of the remarks that have been made on this floor have suggested the ones making the remarks are. Judges have talked about the tremendous strain on the system of judicial activity throughout the nation caused by two-hundredths of one percent of all the cases. Those death cases take an inordinate amount of time and put a strain on the system, and many of them have to be reversed because of various errors. In some cases, an innocent person had been convicted and sentenced to die. If those people who have been released recently, in droves, comparatively speaking, had been put away as quickly as people of the feeling of Senator Tyson and Senator Bruning, they would be dead, innocent people. And there have been innocent people executed.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time. Question before us is the adoption of the Chambers amendment to the committee amendments on LB 76. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 38 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Chambers' amendment to the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is agreed to.

CLERK: Mr. President, may I read some items?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Items for the record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Thank you. Revenue Committee will meet in Executive Session tomorrow at 8:30. Enrollment and Review reports LB 637 to Select File. Senator Stuhr has amendments to LB 605. (Legislative Journal pages 1546-1553.)

Mr. President I do have another amendment to the committee amendments. Senator Bruning would move to amend.